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## BASKETBALL CAPTAIN.

A. L. Gildersleeve, '11, Elected.

### Prospects of the Team.

At a meeting of the members of last year's basketball team Wednesday noon, Arthur L. Gildersleeve, '11, of Gildersleeve, was elected captain for this year. Gildersleeve entered Trinity a year ago from Worcester Academy. Last year he was one of the most prominent men in athletics at college. In the fall he played an excellent game at end on the football team, and in the winter he played guard on the basketball team, and in the spring he occupied the position of left field on the baseball team. Gildersleeve played right tackle on this year's successful football team.

Under the leadership of Captain Gildersleeve a very aggressive team should represent Trinity. He has had a great deal of experience in this line, both in school and college.

The basketball season is about to begin at Trinity. The prospects for one of the best teams we have had in several years is very brilliant. This year the team will not be under the supervision of the athletic association; as it was voted last spring to have this winter sport withdrawn from the ruling of the association. Alexander W. Creedon, '09, of Hartford, who was the assistant manager of last year's team is to manage the team.

Professor Joseph D. Flynn, of the mathematics department, is to coach the team. He has had considerable experience along this line, both as a player and a coach. He had charge of the team last year.

There are many of last year's varsity men available and the squad is larger than ever before. Under the leadership of Captain A. L. Gildersleeve a good team seems to be assured. Of last year's varsity and substitutes the following are still in college: Connor, '09, Capen, '10, Carroll, '11 and A. L. Gildersleeve, '11. Among the other promising men are Backus, '09, Abbey, '10, Stansfield, '10, A. M. Smith, '10, Ramsdell, '11, Green, '11 and Turner, '12.

Practice is held every afternoon in the gymnasium at 5 o'clock. Coach Flynn is desirous that everyone, who has had any experience with the game come out and try for the team as there are two vacant positions to be filled.

Manager Creedon has made out an excellent schedule which will be announced in a later issue. Among the colleges that Trinity will meet are, Wesleyan, Yale, Williams, and West Point.

Goodrich, '09, has left college for a short time on account of illness.

## SENIOR SMOKER.

Held on Tuesday Evening.

On Tuesday evening the senior class had a very enjoyable smoker at Chase's Rathskellar on Asylum Street, which was reserved exclusively for their use. The members began to assemble about eight o'clock, and all had arrived at eight-thirty. Nearly all the members of the class were present, and there were also several ex-members of the class. The earlier part of the evening was spent in informal singing and the formal program was begun by the singing of "Neath the Elms." This was followed by a speech by J. S. Carpenter on subject of 1909. The next feature was the singing of the poem composed by G. E. Elwell. This was sung to the tune of Auld Lang Syne, by the senior quartette.

Next H. N. Chandler spoke of the sometime members of the class. Then several selections were rendered by the quartette. Next L. Harriman gave "A Bit of Drool," which was very well received.

The formal exercises were followed by class songs, class cheers, and informal talks. Among those who spoke were W. J. Hammersley, who spoke as an ex-member of the class; Paul Butterworth, ex-'08, who spoke as a new member of the class; and M. A. Connors, the captain of the base-ball team.

There were among the toasts given, toasts to President Flavel S. Luther, the football team, and Prof. Gettell.

A vote of thanks was extended to the committee for the fine way in which they had prepared the smoker. The program, which has already been described in the Tripod, was one of the neatest programs the college has ever had and the poem by G. E. Elwell was excellent. The committee, composed of G. E. Elwell, Chairman; George S. Buck, E. K. Roberts, Jr., and W. H. Plant, ex officio, surely deserve all the praise given them.

The smoker broke up at a late hour, all the members voting the evening one of the most enjoyable of their college course.

## JUNIOR PROM. ARRANGEMENTS.

Arrangements are being rapidly perfected for the Junior Promenade which is to be held in February. The committee has buckled down to work and everything is running smoothly. This class is the "Lemon Squeezer" class and is striving and will strive with might and main to uphold the reputation denoted thereby. They have been set an example by the class of 1909, and will do their best to equal or surpass this class' fine affair last year.

To the C. H. Willard Company of New York City has been allotted the work of making the Prom. programs. These will be of a new and original design proposed by the company.

Alumni hall will be decorated in maroon and white bunting, the colors of

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## FOOTBALL NOMINATIONS.

Meeting Monday Evening.

There will be a meeting of the athletic association on Monday evening, December 7, in the English room, at 6.45 p. m. sharp. This meeting is for the purpose of electing the manager and assistant manager of next year's football team. The following are nominated:

For manager, Joseph Groves.

For assistant manager, A. L. Cook, W. C. Dewey, W. C. Skinner, B. F. Yates.

Groves is a member of the class of 1910, has been on the staff of the Tripod for the last two years and is this year on the Ivy Board. He is a member of the Sophomore Dining Club and of the D. K. E. fraternity.

W. C. Dewey is a member of the class of 1911, of the Sophomore Dining Club, and of the Delta Psi fraternity.

W. C. Skinner is a member of the class of 1911, of the Sophomore Dining Club, and the I. K. A. fraternity.

B. F. Yates is also a member of the class of 1911, of which he was the president in the first term of his freshman year. He is on the Tripod staff, is a member of the musical clubs and of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity.

## HOCKEY TEAM OUTLOOK.

Best in Several Years.

Now that the football season is over and winter is coming on, hockey is beginning to attract general interest. The team this year is captained by Paul Roberts, '09, who has played on the team for three years. S. P. Haight, last year's assistant manager, is manager. He is preparing an excellent schedule which will be published later in the Tripod. Among the teams which will probably be played are Williams, West Point, Springfield Training School, Renssallaer Polytechnic Institute, Westminster School, and Hartford High School. There will probably be several games besides these.

The material this year is very promising and a good team will undoubtedly be turned out by Captain Roberts.

Morrow, '09, who worked well at left end last year, will probably fill the same position this season.

Buck, '09, who was a tower of strength at cover point last year, was new to the game then. With last year's experience he ought to put up a splendid game this year, unless his injury received in football hinders his work.

Brainerd, '11, last year's alternate goal, will be a candidate for that position this year.

Pond, Morris, Budd, and Stevens, of last year's team will be missed, especially the latter, who played a fine game at point.

S. P. Haight, '11, who did not play last year on account of studies, will undoubtedly fill one of the line positions this year. He was captain and

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## SOPHOMORES WIN

In Annual Underclass Football Game.

On Tuesday afternoon the annual underclass football game took place. The starting of the game was unfortunately delayed. For this reason the game was shortened to halves of ten and five minutes. On account of the poor light, there was very little open playing. Short, '12, in the middle of the first half, got the ball in a general mixup, and made a long run, nearly making a touchdown. After this the sophomores worked the ball down the field but finally lost it to the freshmen. Oliver's '12 attempt to punt was blocked by Clark, and S. P. Haight secured the ball, making a run of twenty yards but missing a touchdown by six inches. On the next play, however, Buck carried the ball over for the touchdown. Gildersleeve failed in his attempt to kick the goal.

In the second half the ball was kept most of the time in midfield, and neither goal was in danger. In this half Gildersleeve, '12, sprained his ankle and was forced to retire.

The sophomores deserved to win, as they had the stronger team. The freshmen backfield was fast, but the line was weak, whereas the sophomore team was uniformly strong throughout.

The lineup was as follows:

1911.	1912.
Burdick, l e.....l e,	Barrett
Carroll, l t.....l t,	Beers
Blackman, l g.....l g,	Breed
Green, c.....c,	Rankin
Clark, r g.....r g,	Barnes
Gildersleeve, r t.....r t,	Bleecker
S. P. Haight, r e.....r e,	Bates
Pomeroy, q b..q b,	Gildersleeve (Short)
Ramsdell (c), r h b,	Short (Townsend)
Knowlton, l h b.....l h b (c)	Oliver
Buck, f b.....f b,	Tyrrell
Referee, Henshaw;	Umpire, Paul
Roberts;	Head linesman, N. H. Gildersleeve;
Touchdown, Buck.	Halves 10 minutes and 5 minutes.

## COLLEGE NOTES.

Gibson has returned to college after and absence due to illness.

The football picture was taken Monday at Randall's studio. The following men were in it: Henshaw, captain, Maxson, Roberts, Xanders, Carroll, Gildersleeve, Ramsdell, Snow, Burdick, Breed and Backus.

There will be a rehearsal of the Mandolin club, Saturday night at 7 o'clock in the music room. The trainer will be on hand and all members are requested to be present.



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serious typographical errors which occurred  
in the last issue. This was due to a mis-  
take on the part of the linotypers which  
resulted in the issue going to press without  
proper proof reading.

## EDITORIAL.

It was illustrated at the Senior Class  
Smoker, which was recently held as an  
innovation, that it is a thing that  
should be carried on at Trinity. In  
other words, this recent function was  
a complete success. There are really  
comparatively few things that tend to  
keep the college classes intact. This  
is especially true after the men be-  
come upper classmen. While under-  
classmen the various class scraps make  
class enthusiasm. Any class in college  
that has good class spirit will have  
good college spirit—and that's what we  
need at Trinity.

The smoker brought together nearly  
all of the men of the class, both those  
who are in college and those who are  
out. Old times and new times were  
discussed, songs were sung and stories  
told. Everyone was interested which  
made the affair, even though the first  
of its kind, one of the best of the col-  
lege happenings of the year. It was  
such a success that doubtlessly another  
will be held during the year. But do  
not let such a thing stop at such an  
early stage—but rather have it contin-  
ued year after year. A smoker of  
this kind has many good qualities that  
tend to promote Trinity spirit, and that  
is what is wanted.

## HOCKEY TEAM OUTLOOK.

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star player of Brooklyn Poly. Prep.  
School, and will fill well the vacancy  
left open by Morris at right forward.

Welton, '11, the substitute line man  
last year, stands a good chance of fill-  
ing the other vacancy on the line, that  
of right end.

Besides these men there are many  
other good players in college, some  
being old men who for various reasons  
did not play last year, others being  
members of the freshman class, sever-  
al of whom were good players on their  
"prep" school team. With good ice  
and plenty of cold weather, everything  
points to a very successful team, if  
nothing unforeseen happens.

## INTERCOLLEGIATE NOTES.

Several of the college football teams  
have elected their captains for next  
season. Hamilton Fish, Jr., has been  
elected captain of the Harvard team.  
Fish has been acting captain most of  
this season on account of the absence  
of Burr who was out of the game be-  
cause of injuries.

Albert C. Miller, the substitute quar-  
terback, has been elected captain of the  
University of Pennsylvania for next  
year. In the Cornell game, Miller  
played a sensational game.

Wesleyan's team will be captained  
next year by Arthur Moore, who has  
been playing right tackle on this year's  
team.

The Williams' team has elected Bel-  
videre Brooke, the left tackle for the  
past two seasons, captain for next year.

Carlisle defeated Nebraska State  
University in their last game by a  
score of 37 to 6.

J. B. Taylor, the former champion  
quarter-mile runner of the University  
of Pennsylvania, died at his home, De-  
cember 2nd, from typhoid pneumonia.  
Taylor was considered one of the best  
quarter-mile runners in the world, hav-  
ing negotiated the distance in 48 4-5  
seconds. For three years he was the  
intercollegiate champion and record  
holder and was the first colored man  
ever picked to carry the American flag  
on his breast in Olympic championship,  
figuring in the much discussed 400 metre  
run which was awarded to Great Brit-  
ain, the American team being dissuali-  
fied on account of a claim of fouling.

## MEETING OF THE "JESTERS."

A meeting of the Jesters was called  
to order Thursday at 6.45 in the History  
room by President Baekus, '09, for the  
purpose of announcing the new plays.  
Oliver, '10, said that the committee had  
selected several plays from which two  
were chosen and approved by Prof.  
Brenton. These are: "Uncle's Will,"  
by the noted English writer S. T. Smith  
and "Faithful James." These plays  
were very carefully selected and are  
suited to the abilities of the men. The  
trials for the different parts will be held  
in Alumni Hall next Monday afternoon,  
under Prof. Brenton's supervision.

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## JUNIOR PROM. ARRANGEMENTS.

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the Junior class and much pains will  
be taken to have these unrivalled as  
an exhibition of taste and color.  
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nish their usual excellent music.

The Junior Promenade is the great  
affair of the college year and it is ex-  
pected that not only a large majority  
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ent but that there will be a great in-  
flux of alumni, both those who live in  
the city of Hartford and those out of  
town, who will attend the Prom.

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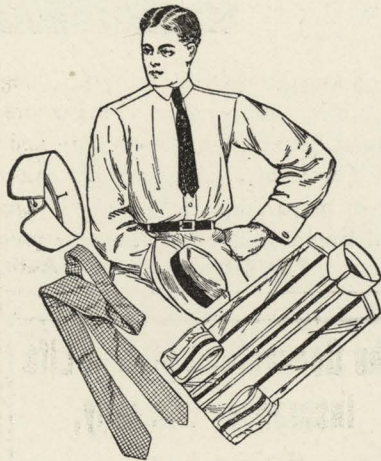
The following Trinity men were  
 among those at the Army-Navy game.  
 Twelve of them met by chance at the  
 Bellevue-Stratford and talked things  
 over, especially the success of the foot-  
 ball team. Among those present were:  
 W. F. Morgan, '88, Harmon Graves,  
 '92, W. S. Langford, '96, W. H. Gage,  
 '96, Dr. F. Hicks, '96, M. H. Coggeshall,  
 '96, G. E. Cogswell, '97, A. M. Lang-  
 ford, '97, H. W. Haywood, '97, A. D.  
 Vibbert, '98, C. L. Burnham, '98, L. G.  
 Reynolds, '98, W. D. Austin, '98, E. S.  
 Travers, '98, A. H. Onderdonk, '99,  
 J. H. K. Davis, '99, W. P. Brown, '01,  
 Herman Schwartz, '06, Phillip Gage,  
 ex-'08, J. P. Aleshire, ex-'09, W. E.  
 Larned, ex-'10, W. E. Batterson, ex-'11.

'48. A stone altar has been placed  
 in St. Clement's Church, Philadelphia,  
 which with a new reredos and other  
 decorations is a memorial of the Rev.  
 George Herbert Moffett, '48.

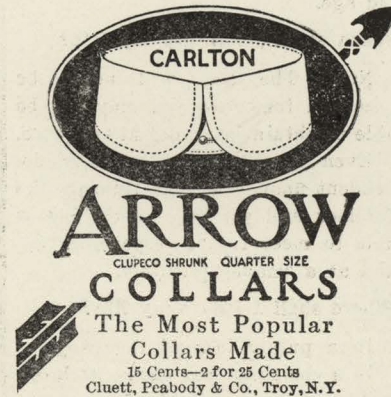
'79. The J. B. Lippincott Company  
 has recently published a book entitled  
 "Struggle for American Independ-  
 ence" by Sydney George Fisher. The  
 following description of the work is  
 taken from a circular issued by the  
 company.

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 ican historical literature is a compre-  
 hensive history of the whole revolu-  
 tionary movement from a point of view  
 quite different from the usual one. A  
 great deal of the original evidence,  
 which has heretofore been ignored by  
 historians, is brought to light and made  
 accessible to the ordinary reader; it  
 is cited in foot-notes so that future  
 investigators may begin with it and  
 add to it, instead of investigating the  
 whole subject afresh. The Loyalists,  
 their writings, arguments, and actions  
 are treated for the first time as the  
 testimony of eye-witnesses, to be  
 weighed along with the rest. The Nav-  
 igation Laws, the Stamp Act, the Paint,  
 Paper, and-Glass Act, the Tea Act, and  
 all the other Parliamentary legislation,  
 instead of being condemned as unquali-  
 fied absurdities, are discussed more  
 thoroughly than ever before, and  
 treated from the English as well as  
 from the American standpoint. The  
 English Whig party is not assumed to  
 have been infallible, and the history  
 written from its narrow point of view.  
 The peculiar position of the Whig poli-  
 tician, General William Howe, sent out  
 by the Tory party to conquer America,  
 his mysterious inertness and peculiar  
 methods, the suspicions and charges of  
 the time that he was acting only for  
 his party, and if he could not obtain  
 a compromise on Whig principles would  
 do nothing in the way of subjugating  
 the colonists are handled in full detail,  
 with much interesting evidence. The  
 policy of the British Government, in-  
 stead of being represented as a piece  
 of cruel and mistaken tyranny, is shown  
 to have been the beginning of the mod-  
 ern British Empire, England's first ef-  
 fort to consolidate her colonies, an ef-  
 fort of imperial expansion, less skil-  
 ful and experienced than her modern  
 efforts, but in its intention and general  
 ideas the same; and her modern method  
 of governing her colonies is compared  
 with the method against which our an-  
 cestors rebelled. The nature of the  
 assistance given the American patriots  
 by France, Spain, and Holland, is very  
 fully explained. The Southern cam-

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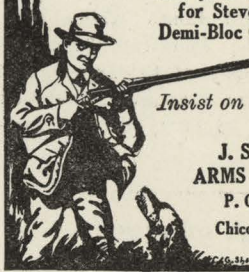
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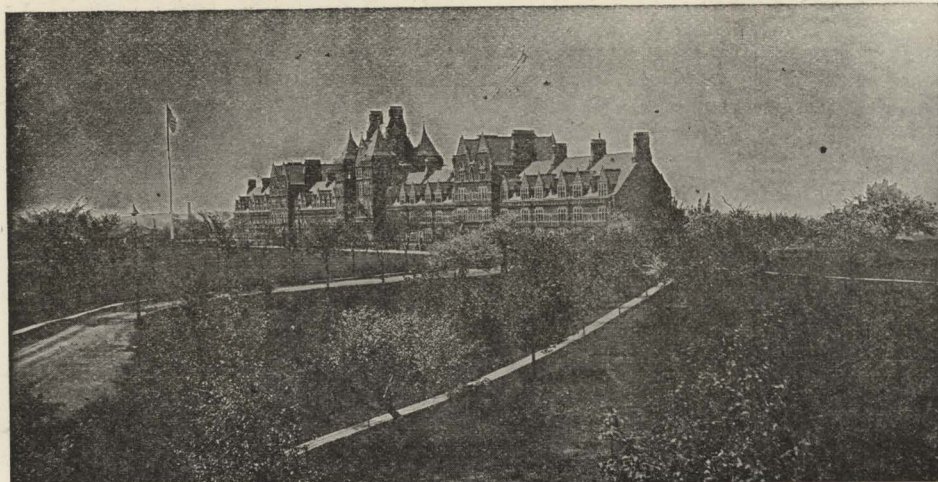
The military strategy of both the American and the British armies, and the naval strategy and tactics of France and England are gone into in more detail than ever before. The tactics for which Napoleon became famous, the counter-stroke to a flank movement and the attacking of isolated detachments, were, it seems, exemplified in America before the great Corsican was ten years old.

'48. Major Louis N. Middlebrook of Bridgeport died at his residence on West Avenue in that place Saturday evening last, after a short illness. He was born at Trumbull, June 19, 1825, the eldest son of Robert and Nancy Burton Middlebrook. He was educated at Cheshire Academy, was graduated at Trinity College with the class of 1848, and was therefore one of our oldest alumni. After studying law in his early years in Stamford, he was admitted to the Fairfield county bar and had for many years been a prominent practicing lawyer in Bridgeport where he had resided since 1857. Shortly after the breaking out of the Civil War, he volunteered his services to Governor Buckingham, and was commissioned captain of Company D, First Connecticut Cavalry, with which regiment he served during the earlier campaigns in Virginia and West Virginia. He married December 9, 1857, Juliet Tomlinson, daughter of Henry Tomlinson of Stratford, who died May 30, 1901. Major Middlebrook had been prominently connected with the Connecticut Humane Society and other state institutions in the southern part of the state for many years, but on account of his failing health and age, of late years had been compelled to relinquish many of his former interests. He is survived by an only son, Albert James Middlebrook, secretary of the American Tube and Stamping Company of Bridgeport, and by his sister, Mrs. Frances Middlebrook Wordin of No. 66 Imlay Street, Hartford.

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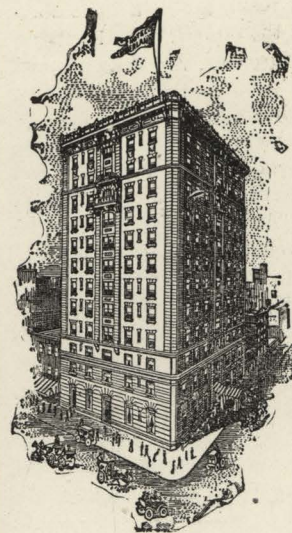
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